



LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting
THURSDAY, November 15, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

6812 Brown Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

“The LLBMD seeks to promote environmentally conscious and fiscally responsible decisions by providing education, enhancing a healthy lake ecosystem and ensuring safe use of Lac LaBelle for today and tomorrow.”

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Paul Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Paul Carpenter

Dan Bauer

Karen Carr

Mike Fitzsimmons

Absent

Brian Wiemer

Lou Morgan

Dave Falstad

3. Comments from the Floor

Lisa Conley stated she received a call from the Park and Recreation Board from the City of Oconomowoc regarding the proposed changes in the City's "Village Green" area. Concern had been expressed about the planned trees near the lake and leaves blowing into the lake and creating potential issues with phosphorus. She thought the benefit of the trees at or near the shoreline greatly offset any minimal phosphorus issues as the tree canopy of leaves assisted with the rainwater soaking into the ground rather than becoming runoff. In addition, the tree roots assisted in stabilizing the shoreline and minimizing erosion. With regard to the plans proposed for the Village Green area, there was a swale proposed to assist in stormwater runoff that would be enhanced by the use of a rain garden. She was hopeful that the City would take this opportunity to provide additional green infrastructure for the City as other cities, such as Milwaukee had done in creating a "stormwater park." This was a low impact way to improve lakeshore areas. Anything being done to encourage appropriate development of impervious areas with green infrastructure should be encouraged.

Mark Frye, City of Oconomowoc Public Works Director, explained the City's plans for this area were preliminary at this stage. Discussion would continue with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WiDNR) Staff regarding the lakeshore. Stormwater issues were a concern for all involved in the project and the plans could be changed before the project came to fruition. The area being proposed was approximately the size of a football field and proposed additions included trees, benches, shaded areas, and a pavilion. There were discussions being held regarding additional

removal of trees in the proposed project area. The trees removed in the Village Green at this time were removed as part of the German Christmas Market in anticipation of that area being redone. All were welcome to send comments to the City Planner regarding this project and the final project design was anticipated prior to the end of 2012. Residents could view the proposed plans on the City's website.

D. Bauer questioned whether the proposed project would be reviewed by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission (SEWRPC). M. Frye stated it was not likely as the proximity to the lake required it to be under the jurisdiction of the DNR. The current boardwalk and gazebo areas were being removed and redone as part of the proposed project.

4. Correspondence

Emails

Various emails from Kathy Buss, City of Oconomowoc, regarding lake levels:

(10/1, 10/5, 10/8, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/1, 11/12 and 11/15)

Various emails from Amy Kay regarding LLB 2013 Aquatic Plant Management presentation:

10/10, 10/17 and 11/14)

August 30, 2012 – Dick Caveney re: milfoil in LLB

September 27, 2012 – Amy Kay re: LLB 2013 Aquatic Plant Management invitation

October 1, 2012 – Lisa Reas re: Shoreland Restoration Program

October 3, 2012 – Mike Barth re: Motor trolling on LLB

October 10, 2012 – Mark Mickelson re: Golf Course Creek update

October 11, 2012 – Mike Barth re: use of photo on LLBMD website

October 18, 2012 – Wisconsin Lakes Organization- elake newsletter-Up the Ante on AIS

October 25, 2012 – Anna Moyer, DNR – Lake List contact re: Purple Loosestrife

October 31, 2012 – Vince and Christa Suter re: Shoreland Restoration info

November 1, 2012 – US Fish and Wildlife re: Goose Round-Up

November 6, 2012 – Wisconsin Lake Organization – elake newsletter – Clean Boats, Clean Waters program

November 13, 2012 – Lisa Conley re: benefit of trees & natural shorelines to lakes

November 15, 2012 – Lisa Conley re: Village Green plans & trees

5. Approval of Minutes

M. Fitzsimmons moved to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2012 meeting as presented. D. Bauer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Review of 2012 Annual Meeting minutes

The 2012 Annual meeting minutes were shared with the Board for informational purposes at this time. Approval of these minutes was slated to take place at the 2013 LLBMD Annual meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report

M. Fitzsimmons reviewed the Treasurer's Reports for October and November, 2012, noting the investments were not receiving substantial interest at this time as was the norm everywhere in today's economic market. With regard to expenditures, M. Fitzsimmons noted the Horton insurance coverage had been transferred to Traveler's Insurance through acquisition efforts

D. Bauer moved to approve the October 15, 2012, and November 15, 2012, Treasurer's Reports as presented. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. Payment Authorizations

M. Fitzsimmons reviewed the payment authorizations for the Commission, noting reimbursement was required for one of the Shoreland Restoration project participants and had not been shown on the authorizations list. He also noted the required levy report had been submitted to the State of Wisconsin as was usual and customary.

K. Carr moved to approve the Payment Authorizations for October, 2012 and November, 2012 as presented including reimbursement to the Suter's in the amount of \$1,000.00 as part of the 2012 Shoreland Restoration project. D. Bauer seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

9. Website Updates

S. Keefe provided an update on the website, noting lake levels and additional photos had been added to the website as requested by Commissioners. A list of timely website topics continued to be generated by the Commission.

10. Update on Shoreland Restoration Program

P. Carpenter explained three projects were chosen for the 2012 Shoreland Restoration program. One of the projects had been completed (Suter's) and other projects continued to move forward at this time. More information would be available at a future meeting.

11. Update on Golf Course Creek-George Stumpf

Mark Mickelson, of Yaggy Colby Associates, Inc., explained he was present at the request of George Stumpf to provide an update on this matter. Three grants had been awarded to the project from two different WiDNR programs since its inception. Negotiations continued with the landowner regarding providing a buffer strip near various parts of Golf Course Creek. The landowner had presented an alternative project idea whereby the creek buffer was narrower, and a berm was added that would assist in creating a retention area that would allow suspended solids to filter out. The proposed alternative would function in the same manner that the original option did; however, because of the proposed alternative, the plan had to be reviewed a second time by DNR Staff to ensure compliance with grant requirements. This review process was completed in September, 2012, and the project could now continue to move forward with negotiations with the landowner as originally planned.

Discussion ensued regarding the total acreage involved in the project, grant program requirements, specific size and scope of the proposed project, timeline for project completion if negotiations were successful, the zoning for the lots being discussed and ownership of the easement area being acquired. M. Mickelson noted the location of the proposed project on the map for the Commissioners at this time. L. Conley questioned the ownership, maintenance and length of time included in the proposed agreement for the land potentially being acquired. M. Mickelson stated the Village of Lac La Belle would own the easement and be responsible for maintenance of it into perpetuity. A majority of the

project costs would be directed toward streambank stabilization efforts throughout the project. The Targeted Runoff Management Grant (TRM) grant for this proposed project had received the highest ranking for the grant programs due to the value of the project as viewed by the DNR. The municipalities of the District would be asked to participate in funding the project along with other conservancy groups in the area. M. Mickelson noted the Waukesha County Parks System staff had offered assistance in the streambank stabilization efforts and this impacted the cost of the proposed project as well. More information would be available on this matter at the next Commission meeting.

12. Update on Dam Replacement project- Mark Frye

P. Carpenter welcomed Mark Frye, City of Oconomowoc Director of Public Works, who provided an update on the West Wisconsin Avenue dam project. M. Frye reviewed the history of the project, noting construction on the dam in the City of Oconomowoc began shortly after Labor Day, 2012. The project had progressed with slight dewatering issues. The project had been completed in recent weeks with the decking restored and planks replaced November 1, 2012. Mountings for the fish screens had been installed on the dam; however, the fish screens were in storage until they were needed. The budget for the project had been exceeded slightly due to dewatering issues.

P. Carpenter questioned the recent restoration work at the City's boat launch. M. Frye stated the restoration of the boat launch was part of the City's street work for this year. That area had undergone work approximately 10 years ago and the area was sinking. Restoration had progressed without issue and the boat launch project was nearly complete.

Tim Clark, President of the Village of Lac La Belle Board, complimented the management of the lake this year as it was difficult to maintain water levels during the drought. M. Frye noted the lake levels had been held throughout the summer. Regarding comments heard about an increase in weed growth, it seemed as though the solution was to cut them or chemically treat them to decrease the abundance. With regard to the fish screens for the dam, M. Frye noted that the DNR fisheries had concluded that the screen could be removed on the dam. Should a need arise, the screens could easily be reinstalled.

L. Conley stated a "bubble curtain" could be used to keep unwanted carp out of various areas. M. Frye noted he had heard of this; however, it would pose a large maintenance and expense issue for all to put in place.

On behalf of the Commissioners, P. Carpenter thanked all for attending the meeting and providing updates.

13. Presentation by Amy Kay re: 2013 Aquatic Plant Management plans

P. Carpenter explained Amy Kay, of Clean Lakes, Inc., was not able to attend this meeting. She would attend the January, 2013 LLBMD meeting instead.

14. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the LLBMD would be held on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall.

15. Agenda Topics for Next Meeting

The following topics were suggested for inclusion at the next Commission meeting:

- Update on Golf Course Creek
- Update on Goose Roundup
- Presentation by Amy Kay re: Aquatic Plant Management plan
- Discussion of weed control relative to the SEWRPC Aquatic Plant Management plan for LLB
- Discussion on future use of fish screens on the Wisconsin Street dam
- Discussion and possible action on an alternative event to Carpfest
- Discussion and possible action about commercial fisherman

16. Adjournment

M. Fitzsimmons moved to adjourn from the meeting. D. Bauer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.